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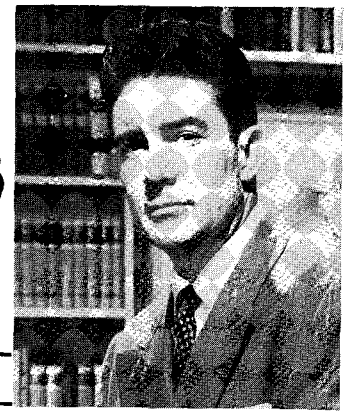

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DEFENSE OR SURRENDER?

From April 24 to 30, 1960, a group of 500 persons (mostly reserve officers) attended a National Strategy Seminar, held at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Monterey Peninsula, California, under the sponsorship of the Sixth U. S. Army, the Western Sea Frontier (U. S. Navy), and the Fourth Air Force.

The list of lecturers at this Asilomar National Strategy Seminar included: Walt W. Rostow (a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and now a deputy special assistant to the President for national security affairs); Paul Nitze (a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and now Assistant Secretary of Defense); Dr. Martin B. Travis (a member of the CFR and associate professor of political science at Stanford University); Klaus E. Knorr (CFR member, Center of International Studies, Princeton University); James King, Jr. (Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, Johns Hopkins University); Andrew W. Marshall (the Rand Corporation); General William H. Draper, Jr. (CFR member, U. S. Army, Retired); Robert Strausz-Hupe (CFR member, Director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute at the University of Pennsylvania).

The general argument of lectures which these men gave at the Asilomar Conference was that the United States cannot possibly win a nuclear war; that continued attempts to produce nuclear superiority will spur the Soviets to do likewise and thus increase the danger of a holocaust; that we should, therefore, de-emphasize nuclear weapons on the theory that the Soviets will follow our lead; that we should build up our conventional military power in order to increase our capacity to fight in 'limited wars'; and that we should work toward some form of world government strong enough to eliminate wars altogether.

Mr. Strausz-Hupe told the conference that national sovereignty is "an obsolete state form" which is a "meaningless distinction" inappropriate "under modern conditions."

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Strausz-Hupe recommended that we immediately transform the NATO countries into a supra-national state, and then work to expand that "into a wider union."

Walt Rostow told the Asilomar Conference:

"Those of us who live in the northern half of the globe... know that, in the century about to unfold, the technological monopoly we now hold will slip away and all the values and attitudes and policies that are rooted in this northern monopoly will have to be transformed. Specifically, we must count on a redistribution of power and influence on the face of the globe that will increase the relative authority of those who live in the south, whose influence on great events has hitherto been non-existent or slight...."

Without explaining why, Mr. Rostow says that the white races, which built modern civilization, must accept an inevitable shift of power to the colored races which contributed virtually nothing to building the civilization they are going to take over—and Mr. Rostow urges us to speed the process by giving aid to the "underdeveloped areas."

And Rostow closed his speech to the "strategy seminar" with the warning that,

"The role of the United States in determining the outcome of the world's history over coming decades will, of course, be marginal, and success cannot be assured."

Paul Nitze (now an Assistant Secretary of Defense) said to the Asilomar Strategy Seminar in April, 1960:

"In brief, my proposal is ... that we accept the improbability that we can achieve a true Class A nuclear capability... that... the aim of our foreign policy is to construct a world system compatible with the survival and development of nations with purposes like ours, and... that a possible route toward the aim is a series of unilateral actions designed to produce reciprocal action on the part of our allies and also on the part of our enemies.

"The actions I propose are the following: (1) that we concentrate on building a variety of secure, purely retaliatory systems... (2) that... we scrap the fixed-based vulnerable systems that have their principal utility as components of a Class A capability, (3) that we multilateralize the command of our retaliatory systems by making SAC [the United States Strategic Air Command] a NATO command, and (4) that we inform the United Nations that NATO will turn over ultimate power of decision on the use of these systems to the general assembly of the United Nations subject to the following conditions:

"a. That we and our allies will assume continuing responsibility for manning, maintaining, and improving these systems.

"b. That UN inspectors would be invited to inspect and satisfy themselves that these are the only nuclear systems we are maintaining.

"c. That a UN order to use them will be honored only in the event some nation has initiated the use of nuclear weapons other than on or over its own territory in self-defense against military aggression."[1]

Fact and Fiction–Part I

In the December 11, 1961, issue of this *Report,* entitled "Strategic Surrender," we published all of the above information, developing the theme that the United States government is preparing for strategic surrender of this nation to a world power or supra-national government, on the presumption that the United States can no longer defend itself as an independent nation. *Strategic surrender* means surrender without a fight, because you fear you could not win if you did fight.

The "Strategic Surrender" issue created considerable consternation among those who read it.

What caused the most alarm was Paul Nitze's proposal that the Strategic Air Command be turned over to NATO for eventual surrender to United Nations control. The Strategic Air Command is the principal nuclear striking force of the United States. In fact, it is the only portion of our whole system of defense which provides real protection to the American homeland by posing the

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threat of destructive retaliation against any enemy who might strike us. As our present defensive system is organized, our nation would be virtually without a homeland defense if we eliminated the Strategic Air Command. If we gave an international authority command of our SAC, we would be at the mercy of that authority.

In other words, Paul Nitze's proposal, to make our SAC a NATO command, would accomplish instantly and in one step the final surrender of the United States to a socialist-controlled international organization. When the SAC became a United Nations command, the United States would then be at the mercy of a communist-socialist dominated world authority; and this is the end objective of the communist conspiracy.

It would be alarming to hear *any* American make such a proposal. Paul Nitze was not just *any* American. Nitze was a prominent personality, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, whose members occupy important positions in the executive branch of government to the extent that the Council can correctly be called the invisible government of the United States. Nitze's proposal was made to an official Strategy Seminar sponsored by the Armed Forces; and less than one year after he made the proposal, Nitze became Assistant Secretary of Defense.

With considerable alarm, many subscribers to this *Report* wrote Washington officials demanding comment and explanation.

The official replies from Washington included: (1) flat denials that Nitze had ever made such a proposal; (2) assertions that Nitze did not really mean that he wanted SAC to be made a NATO command; (3) explanations that in making such a proposal, Nitze was really suggesting that such a thing should *not* be done—that he was merely throwing it out as a "grand fallacy"; (4) explanations that Nitze's proposal had no official standing, because Nitze was not a member of the Administration when the proposal was made.

Dr. Lawrence G. Osborne, 1515 State Street, Santa Barbara, California, is one of many persons who wrote Washington officials demanding comment on Paul Nitze's proposal that the Strategic Air Command be turned over to NATO.

One of the replies which Dr. Osborne received is dated November 30, 1961. It is on the letterhead of "Assistant Secretary of Defense—International Security Affairs," and is signed by Timothy W. Stanley, Special Assistant. Here is the full text of Mr. Stanley's letter to Dr. Osborne:

"Thank you for your recent letter enclosing a clipping from your local paper. The article is inaccurate in several respects, particularly inasmuch as the Strategy Seminar in which Mr. Nitze participated was held in April, 1960, well before Mr. Nitze became a member of the Administration. The 'proposal,' portions of which were quoted in the clipping, was made in the context of an idea which he put forward informally for critical examination, indicating that it might well prove to be 'a grand fallacy.' Consequently, the implication in the article that such a possibility is under consideration by Mr. Nitze or by the present Administration is erroneous.

"With appreciation for bringing the article to our attention,"

Dr. Osborne also got a reply, dated December 8, 1961, from Lyndon B. Johnson, Vice President of the United States. Here is the full text of Vice President Johnson's letter to Dr. Osborne:

"The proposal that the Strategic Air Command be placed under the over-all administration and command of NATO is one which is being given a great deal of thought and deliberation.

"So that you may have correct information on this situation, I am asking the Department of Defense, of which Mr. Nitze is Assistant Secretary, to reply directly to you on the status of our air striking force.

"With kindest regards."(2)

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One official of government denies that there is any consideration of a proposal to make SAC a NATO command. A higher official of government says the proposal is being given a great deal of thought and deliberation.

A major difficulty in exposing the disastrous schemes of our own "chosen leaders" is the credibility which governmental officials have with the American people. All healthy Americans know that we have the greatest country and greatest governmental system in the history of the world; and they tend to identify governmental officials with the country itself. Hence, it is extremely difficult for many Americans to believe—even in the presence of compelling evidence—that a governmental official would ever recommend anything that is bad for the United States. It is equally difficult for them to believe that an important official of government would deliberately lie to the public when making explanations of governmental policies.

Fact and Fiction–Part II

In several public speeches during the latter part of 1961, Senator Strom Thurmond (Democrat, South Carolina) accused the State Department of planning to transfer control of United States nuclear weapons to the United Nations. State Department officials flatly denied the existence of such plans.

In the December 25, 1961, issue of this *Report*, entitled "Super-Patriots," we reviewed this situation and set out proof that the State Department does have an official plan to strip the United States of nuclear weapons and to turn those weapons over to the United Nations.

Again, numerous readers of this *Report* wrote to Washington officials demanding explanation. Again, they received official replies giving positive assurance that no such plan was under consideration.

A typical letter was written by John E. Carland, Director, Special Activities, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. Here is the full text of a letter which Mr. Carland wrote on January 15, 1962, to Mrs. W. M. Walters in Spokane, Washington:

"This is in reference to your recent communication relative to reports that the United States is considering turning over nuclear weapons or information about such weapons to the United Nations.

"The Department of Defense has received other similar letters, apparently stemming from erroneous articles that have appeared in some newspapers. The Defense Department has no such plans and we know of no government proposal which would involve turning nuclear weapons or information about them over to the United Nations.

"Your interest is greatly appreciated and we hope the above information will prove helpful."(3)

A nineteen-page pamphlet, entitled *Freedom From War: The United States Program For General And Complete Disarmament In A Peaceful World* (Department of State Publication 7277, Disarmament Series 5, released September, 1961, by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.) contains the full text of disarmament proposals which the State Department made at the Sixteenth General Assembly of the United Nations, in September, 1961.

Here are passages from the text:

"The Nations of the world. . . . set forth as the objectives of a program of general and complete disarmament. . . :

"The elimination from national arsenals of all armaments, including all weapons of mass destruction and the means for their delivery, other than those required for a United Nations Peace Force and for maintaining internal order; . . .

"As states relinquish their arms, the United Nations shall be progressively strengthened. . . .

"STAGE I. . . .

"An International Disarmament Organization (IDO) shall be established within the framework of the United Nations. . . .

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"Strategic nuclear weapons delivery vehicles in specified categories and agreed types of weapons designed to counter such vehicles shall be reduced to agreed levels. . . . The reduction shall be accomplished . . . by transfers to depots supervised by the IDO. . . .

"Production of agreed categories of strategic nuclear weapons delivery vehicles and agreed types of weapons designed to counter such vehicles shall be discontinued or limited.

"Testing of agreed categories of strategic nuclear weapons delivery vehicles and agreed types of weapons designed to counter such vehicles shall be limited or halted. . . .

"STAGE II. . . .

"Further reductions in the stocks of strategic nuclear weapons delivery vehicles and agreed types of weapons designed to counter such vehicles shall be carried out. . . .

"During Stage II, states shall develop further the peace-keeping processes of the United Nations, to the end that the United Nations can effectively in Stage III deter or suppress any threat or use of force in violation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations. . . . The U.N. Peace Force shall be established and progressively strengthened. . . .

"STAGE III. . . .

"In Stage III, progressive controlled disarmament . . . would proceed to a point where no state would have the military power to challenge the progressively strengthened U.N. Peace Force. . . .

"States would retain only those forces, non-nuclear armaments, and establishments required for the purpose of maintaining internal order; they would also support and provide agreed manpower for a U.N. Peace Force.

"The U. N. Peace Force, equipped with agreed types and quantities of armaments, would be fully functioning.

"The manufacture of armaments would be prohibited except for those of agreed types and quantities to be used by the U. N. Peace Force and those required to maintain internal order. . . ."

The existence of this State Department pamphlet has been so widely publicized that the Government Printing Office was, at one point, completely sold out.

In other words, Americans can read for themselves (and thousands have already availed themselves of the opportunity to do so) an official State Department document which sets out a formal proposal, already made to the General Assembly of the United Nations, to turn our nuclear weapons over to the United Nations; but Washington officials are still denying that any such plan exists.

Fact and Fiction–Part III

In the "Strategic Surrender" issue of this *Report* (December 11, 1961), we quoted Brigadier General Bonner Fellers (USA, Retired), in part, as follows:

". . . our 1963 defense budget fails to insure continuance of U. S. supremacy in nuclear capability. Instead . . . a wholly inadequate conventional warfare capability is gradually to be substituted. This conventional warfare program is no threat whatsoever to the vast Red army, submarine fleet, and air force. . . .

"Turning from nuclear to conventional warfare weapons could be suicidal for us. We . . . are not equipped either to deter or win a war against the Soviets with conventional weapons. On the other hand, we can build better planes; we have better trained crews to fly them; we are not committed to a vast land army as is Russia.

"As a consequence, it is readily within our capability to create and maintain superior nuclear striking forces.

"Despite these well-known facts, within three years, present Pentagon planning will provide almost no new U. S. aircraft or missile production. By then, and with our gradual shift from nuclear to conventional capability, we shall be at the mercy of the Kremlin."

It is a matter of general knowledge that the shift from nuclear forces to conventional forces *is* the official policy of the Kennedy Administration. The President himself, the Secretary of State, and numerous other major spokesmen for the Administration have explained and defended the policy. They say

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that an emphasis on nuclear weapons and a de-emphasis on conventional forces leave us with a choice between the holocaust of total nuclear war and no war at all; that with such a defense establishment we could not "meet" localized "limited" aggressions by conventional forces; and that, therefore, we must de-emphasize nuclear weapons and build up conventional forces so that we will not be helpless against "limited" aggressions.[4]

Nonetheless, when readers of this *Report* bombarded Washington with demands for comments on General Fellers' contention that the shift from nuclear to conventional forces would leave us at the mercy of the Kremlin, Washington officials, in effect, *denied that the policy exists*. The replies from Washington officials did not try to show that General Fellers was wrong in his conclusion that a shift to conventional forces will be disastrous for the United States; they tried to prove that General Fellers was wrong in the facts he cited to show that such a shift is being made.

In this *Report*, General Fellers said:

"The Minuteman missile production program is to be cut from 600 to 100 a year. The mobile (railway) Minuteman production is to be cut from 300 to 100. This reduces the total production from about 3300 to 900."

In a form-letter rebuttal of General Fellers' charges, the Department of Defense says:

"The number of Minuteman missiles to be deployed was raised by 60 . . . and the production capacity of the missile is being doubled."

Commenting on this rebuttal, General Fellers says:

"This is evasion. The Department of Defense does not say that we are *producing* more Minuteman missiles, but that we are *deploying* more. The Department does not say that we are increasing *production* of Minuteman missiles, but that we are increasing production *capacity*.

"In fact, the actual missile *production* program has been cut by about two-thirds."

In this *Report*, General Fellers said:

"No more advanced aircraft are to be produced. Inferior sub-sonic aircraft will be substituted; 585 such craft are to be built. For arming them, $500 million is to be spent annually on old-fashioned conventional bombs."

In rebuttal, the Defense Department says:

"The United States already has a large, modern fleet of manned bombers, including nearly 600 B-52 long-range bombers, plus a number of supersonic B-58 medium bombers. . . . In addition, we have the added flexibility provided by the present force of about 1000 B-47 bombers."

Commenting on this rebuttal, General Fellers says:

"The Defense Department stresses the availability of a 'number of supersonic B-58 medium bombers.' Actually, we have only about 25, and B-58 production is being discontinued.

"The 1000 B-47s mentioned are medium bombers requiring in-flight refueling; and they are already obsolete. They were to have been replaced by the B-58, now being discontinued.

"No more B-52 bombers (the backbone of our present striking power) will be built after the current contract runs out in 1962."

In this *Report*, General Fellers said the B-70 bomber would be "the most destructive and versatile weapon ever developed"; and he criticized the Kennedy Administration's decision to discontinue this great weapon. The Defense Department reply to General Fellers admitted *this decision*, defending it on the ground that the B-70 is too expensive.

General Fellers says:

"Too expensive? The foreign aid we are giving to communist and 'neutralist' nations would finance a B-70 development and production program."

The Elusive Truth

The juggling of facts and figures to give a false impression without actually telling a lie is a stratagem, highly developed and ex-

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pertly practiced by the Washington bureaucracy. It is sometimes quite impossible to come to grips with the bureaucracy when it employs this stratagem—especially in view of the fact, as previously indicated, that the American public is disposed to have confidence in, and give full credence to, the statements of governmental officials.

The critical question at hand: Was General Fellers accurate in saying that present Defense Department planning will leave us, within a few years, at the tender mercies of the Kremlin?

The truthful answer is *yes* — as one can see by examining statements of the Secretary of Defense himself.

The following passages are from an article by Fred Farris, syndicated by the New York Herald Tribune News Service, and published on March 12, 1962, in the *San Francisco Examiner* (with a March 11 Washington dateline):

"While the United States moves ahead swiftly to prepare to resume nuclear testing in the air, top officials are taking a virtually hopeless attitude toward finding a defense against enemy missiles.

"Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara said today the Pentagon sees 'no reasonable prospect' for a successful anti-missile defense.

"One of the primary reasons President Kennedy ordered a resumption of U. S. atmospheric testing—unless the Russians agree to tight controls on a test ban—was to look for a workable means of destroying rockets before they exploded on target.

"Kennedy told the Nation on March 2, that Soviet nuclear tests last fall showed the Russians were pressing hard in pursuit of such a goal. Officials fear a Soviet breakthrough in this immensely complex problem could upset the delicate balance of nuclear deterrence as a bar to world holocaust."

Here is the grim meaning one can get from this news story, when it is set in the context of known history:

The only real danger of a disastrous enemy strike against the American homeland is from missiles. We have no defense against this danger and no hope of developing one. We fear, however, that the Soviets are about to develop such a defense and that they will, thus, be invulnerable to our missiles, while we will be helpless against theirs.

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The testing of nuclear weapons is essential in the research needed for developing adequate defense against missiles. Knowing all this, and also knowing that the Soviets can never be trusted to keep a promise, the Eisenhower Administration in 1958 suspended all testing of nuclear weapons, on the unsupported promise of Khrushchev that the Soviets would also suspend testing. Evidence now indicates what Eisenhower should have known all along—namely, that the Soviets never did stop their secret testing of nuclear weapons; and they have been testing openly since 1961. Thus, they have a four-year lead (which we deliberately gave them) in research and development on *the* critical and vital weapon of the twentieth century—an effective weapon against missiles.

Knowing, and conceding, all of this—and conceding the horrible consequences of a Soviet breakthrough in this field—the Kennedy Administration still has not resumed atmospheric testing of nuclear weapons, and is still promising Khrushchev that we will discontinue all nuclear testing if he will somehow give us a firmer promise now than he gave Eisenhower in 1958.

The Kennedy Administration (instead of devoting the resources of this nation to developing an anti-missile weapon) is saying, in effect, that, although the Soviets probably will develop such a weapon, we cannot; and it continues to squander our resources on foreign aid to the enemies and doubtful allies of our country—and on an incomprehensible welter of other harmful and unconstitutional programs.

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FOOTNOTES

(1) Senator Strom Thurmond's office lent us the volume which contains the lectures delivered at the Asilomar National Strategy Conference; and photostatic copies of the full texts of all the lectures quoted herein are in the research files of this *Report*.

The title page of the volume which contains all the lectures reads: "Proceedings of the Asilomar National Strategy Seminar, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Monterey Peninsula, California, April 25-30, 1960, sponsored by Sixth U. S. Army, Western Sea Frontier, Fourth Air Force, Course Material Prepared by Stanford Research Institute."

There is no information in the volume itself as to who compiled and published the proceedings or as to where the volume can be obtained.

(2) Photostatic copies of the letters which Stanley and Johnson wrote to Dr. Osborne are in the research files of this *Report*.

(3) Photostatic copy of the Defense Department letter to Mrs. Walters is in the research files of this *Report*.

(4) See, among many similar news stories, "Expert Tells U. S. Strategy In Europe," news story in *San Francisco Chronicle*, on speech of Roger Hilsman, State Department Director of Intelligence and Research, 8/25/61.

WHO IS DAN SMOOT?

Dan Smoot was born in Missouri. Reared in Texas, he attended SMU in Dallas, taking BA and MA degrees from that university in 1938 and 1940.

In 1941, he joined the faculty at Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English, doing graduate work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the field of American Civilization.

In 1942, he took leave of absence from Harvard in order to join the FBI. At the close of the war, he stayed in the FBI, rather than return to Harvard.

He worked as an FBI Agent in all parts of the nation, handling all kinds of assignments. But for three and a half years, he worked exclusively on communist investigations in the industrial midwest. For two years following that, he was on FBI headquarters staff in Washington, as an Administrative Assistant to J. Edgar Hoover.

After nine and a half years in the FBI, Smoot resigned to help start the Facts Forum movement in Dallas. As the radio and television commentator for Facts Forum, Smoot, for almost four years spoke to a national audience giving both sides of great controversial issues.

In July, 1955, he resigned and started his own independent program, in order to give only one side — the side that uses fundamental American principles as a yardstick for measuring all important issues.

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